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TERSE TALES OF THE TOWN

Will Consider Bids—

The bids on furniture for the new court house will probably be considered at a meeting of the county court on Monday.

Still The Country Grows—

John Henry Lopakka, John Hass, John Niemi, Sulo Suomi, Rytola, Axel Brannan and Henry Aikainen, all natives of Finland, took out their first papers yesterday, at the county clerk's office.

Out of Danger—

O. B. Prael, who is residing in Portland, is recovering from a severe attack of typhoid fever. He has been ailing for several days.

Now at City Hall—

City Attorney Charles Abercrombie has removed from his old quarters at 594 Commercial street, and will, henceforth be found at his office on the second floor of the City Hall. 11-30-07.

Funeral Tomorrow—

The funeral of the late Melville S. Ingalls will take place from Gilbaugh's undertaking parlors at 10 a. m. tomorrow. The interment will be at Lewis and Clark cemetery, the boat leaving the Callender dock at 10:30.

Nearly Completed—

The air tanks being made at the Astoria Iron Works, for the government, are nearly completed. The riveting is all finished and the necessary caulking will soon be done and the tanks made ready for shipment.

On Deck Again—

Ed Donnelly has so far recovered from his recent illness as to be able to take his old place on the Lurline dock. Ed's many friends, and those whose business takes them to the dock will be pleased to learn this.

New Office Opened—

R. H. Jenkins, general freight and passenger agent of the A. & C. railroad, opened temporary offices in the Union Depot yesterday for the North Bank road. He will have charge until the arrival of H. M. Adams, head of the freight and passenger departments, from the East sometime next week. Permanent headquarters will then be selected.

Works Both Ways—

The furniture house of Chas. H. Heilborn & Company intend to keep pace with the holiday wants of the people and have extended the benefit of their one-fifth-off sale through the month of December, in order that the real holiday buyers may have the advantage of the bargains.

ASTORIA BANKS SOLID AS GIBRALTER

DEPOSITORS SHOULD NOT WITHDRAW THEIR MONEY WHEN THE BANKS OPEN BUT KEEP IT THERE FOR THE COMMUNITY'S GOOD.

There has been considerable speculation, during the financial flurry that has just passed over this great and rich country of ours, as to what is the real reason for it. Some say it was a "rich man's panic," others say it was caused by over-speculating (which is a good reason), while others give many various causes, but the real cause is loss of confidence. Then comes the question to answer, because there are so many things it can be laid to, but I am of the firm opinion that it is nature taking her course. Just as a house wife must clean her house thoroughly every year, etc., so must the financial world have a cleaning every so often, to get rid of the wildcat bankers and get-rich-quick sharks, who if left alone for too long a period, would ruin any country or any people. But, fortunately, it has all passed over now, the weak and bad having been culled out, the good left standing. It is a shame that such things must happen, because many innocent people are always caught, yet a much greater number were saved from disaster by the timely declaration of banking holidays by our Governor.

But to my point, the danger is not yet passed, and it is to throw true light upon the case, so that those who hold it in their power to save the situation that this article is written.

We will take the bank's side of the situation first.

It is just as essential to have banks as it is to have a heart in the human body. The bank is the heart of commerce and trade, that feeds the different arteries of our great commercial system, just as the heart feeds our body with blood. Banks are organized for the purpose of gathering the money of the country into sufficiently large bodies so that it can be used to carry on our great industries, which require large sums of money and which furnish labor for the masses. No individual has enough money to carry on a big business such as our lumber and salmon industries, but by the community having its money all gathered into three or four bodies, these industries can be carried on, on a paying basis, both to the owners and the laborer. When the fisherman catches his fish and brings them to the cannery and sells them, or when the logger cuts down his tree, or when the man in the mill saws it into lumber, he gets his money but he don't stop to think of the many channels those fish or that lumber must go through before the money that really comes from it, gets back to the city where he gets his money for his labor. It sometimes takes as long as six months from the time a fish is caught, or a tree is felled, before it reaches its final destination and the money for it gets back to its starting place, and it is just here the banks come in. The laborer must be paid; the cannery man and miller could not pay him until he gets his money out of the products, were it not for the banks. The bank forwards him the money on his product to pay his men and the bank gets its money only after the products reach their final destination. How many men, anywhere, could carry on their big business, when their pay rolls run into thousands of dollars weekly, if they had to wait six months for their money? None. So it can be seen how essential

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Off For Washington—

Charles Haldeman, private secretary to United States Senator C. W. Fulton, will depart for the national capital on this evening's 6:10 express. Mrs. Haldeman is recovering nicely, and in the event of a long session of Congress, will join him there later in the winter.

Sub Station at Cape Hancock—

Acting on a communication from the chief of the weather bureau, regarding the maintenance of a station at Cape Hancock, mention of which was made in these columns, Senator Fulton has written that he will offer an amendment to the agricultural appropriation bill, for this year, for the construction of a sub-station as desired.

Up To New Year's Day—

Since the sale seems to be so popular, Charles H. Heilborn & Company intend to keep their discount schedules going during December, in order to make it feasible for Christmas shoppers to get the benefit.

Order of Washington Attention!

Election of officers at Logan's Hall, Monday evening, December 16, followed by cake, sandwiches, and coffee. Come.

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Wireless Plant Damaged—

During the height of the storm on Thursday night, considerable damage was done to the wireless telegraph plant. The high mast was blown down and much of the gutter on the station building blown off. It is supposed that the wooden insulators on the guy wires broke and the mast, losing its bracing, was torn up out of the ground, and thrown down. The Seattle office was notified, and yesterday afternoon J. M. Switzer, who has been superintending the testing of the plant, received a telegram stating that a new mast had been shipped from that city and would be due here about Sunday. The new mast will be what is known as a "build up," and will be in seven sections, each 30 feet long. There will be twice as many guys used on this pole as on the other, and the mast will be guyed at each section. The raising of the mast will be commenced immediately on its arrival here and it will take about three days to complete the work. By the end of the coming week it is almost certain that everything will be in shape again. The damage done is estimated at between \$1500 and \$2000.

Marriage License—

A marriage license was issued, yesterday to Christian N. Storset, of Chinook, and Anna E. Lindset, of Astoria.

New Business Probable—

Phil McDonough was in the city yesterday from Bearcliff, Wash., on business. It is reported that he is negotiating with a Seattle firm, of large capital, to sell the holdings of the heirs of the late J. L. McDonough, at McDonough's Landing. The holdings include a valuable water power, which, if the deal is consummated, will be utilized in operating a cold storage plant, which will be built in time for the next fishing season. Mr. McDonough has been engaged for several years as fisherman, and buyer of fish, on the river, and, pending the present negotiations, has not made any arrangements for next season as, if the new plant is built, he will be interested in it and devote his whole attention to the enterprise. It is expected that the deal will be closed by January 1, 1908.

Presented With Medal—

A pleasant gathering at which were the members of the Finnish tug-of-war team, which won laurels at the tournament held during the regatta, and a number of Finnish residents took place yesterday afternoon at Luukinen & Harrison's store. The occasion was the presentation of a beautiful solid gold medal to the team as a mark of esteem and approbation from enthusiastic countrymen of the team for their good work. On the medal is inscribed the names of the team as follows: Captain, Theo. Lahti; vice captain, A. Sipola; anchorman, O. Johnson; I. Loukkula, J. Loukkula, J. Eckholm, M. Adamson, J. Hoski and A. Salo. Captain Lahti is proudly wearing the medal.

Returns to His Pulpit—

Rev. Conrad L. Owen, pastor of the First Baptist Church of this city, who has been absent for the past two months, conducting a series of evangelistic meetings in Eastern Oregon and Washington, returned to his home and pulpit, yesterday on the noon express from Portland. Mr. Owen brings the cheerful intelligence that wheresoever he visited he found the people quite patient and forbearing in regard to the late money flurry and disposed to treat the banks with perfect fairness at the end of the legal holidays that have interposed to save the situation.

Reward.

\$50 reward will be paid for the recovery of the body of James Edwards, by A. Seafeldt. 12-12-07.

HEARTRENDING TALE

Terrible Plight of an Innocent Sea Leviathan.

NEWS IS SCARCE IN HARBOR

The Geo. W. Elder Succeeded in Reaching Sea Over a Rough Bar—The Numantia and City of Panama Still in Port—The Northland Returns From Bar—Notes.

◆ SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 13.—◆
◆ With shrieks that rose up high above the shrill and awful howling of the hurricane, a tortured whale rent the night air for six long hours as it vainly strove to vomit the knot line and rotator of the schooner J. M. Weatherwax, which it had swallowed.
◆ The disturbance in the interior economy of the monster which swallowed Jonah was not a circumstance compared to the frightful agony suffered by the one which came along from Eureka with the Weatherwax as the knots were surely and safely reeled off in its alimentary canal.
◆ The Weatherwax took 12 days to come down from Eureka to this port and part of the delay is attributed by Captain Oosterhuis to the mad struggles of the whale in trying to disgorge the rotator. According to the log of the vessel a monster whale was found to have swallowed the knot line and rotator at the stern of the vessel. For hours the monster screamed in agony at the schooner, forced along at 15 knots an hour by the storm, caused the rotator to inflict awful internal wounds on the leviathan. Death ended the suffering of the whale shortly after the line was cut by a tender-hearted sailor.

The above dispatch was yesterday received through the Associated Press service, and is published verbatim. "The shrieks that rose high above the shrill and awful howling of the hurricane were but whispers compared to the groans of anguish emitted by the marine editor, when he received it. The dense ignorance, of matters pertaining to the sea, displayed in the telegram stamps its sender as a tyro at the business. Every one knows that a whale is a fresh water fish and will not bite, even at a bald headed joke. Anything "as free as the air" to be rented by a whale sounds like a country boarding house at a summer resort instead of a sea yarn, and by "alimentary canal" he must have meant the Panama canal. From the number of knots that might be reeled off in six hours it would be supposed that the watchermacallit must have been all tied up. Webster says that a rotator is a "revolving reverberatory furnace," and this is the best thing the sender of the dispatch has done. It certainly must have been a hot thing to act as he claims it did. The awful story of agony has affected the marine reporter's mind to such an extent that it is a question who is the craziest.

The Numantia is still anchored in the harbor, awaiting an opportunity to pro-

attempt will probably be made today.

The British steamer Como which has a good cargo of grain, will probably arrive down early today. She goes to St. Vincent, Cape Verde Islands, for orders.

The Geo. W. Elder succeeded in crossing out to sea yesterday afternoon though the bar was rough.

There was little new to report along the harbor front yesterday. The wires from North Head were down, and the only news obtainable, from the mouth of the river, was from the tugs returning last night. Nothing was reported except the crossing of the Elder yesterday. The grain fleet from Portland has commenced moving and in a few days there will, no doubt, be plenty doing from up the river. The bar is still very rough, and is expected to remain so for a few days longer. It is thought that when bar conditions improve quite a number of vessels, of all varieties of rig, will enter the river.

The City of Panama has not as yet crossed out to sea, and will remain in port until conditions are more favorable.

The steamer Northland returned to the Callender dock yesterday after an unsuccessful attempt to cross out on Thursday. She started out, but finding the bar too rough, was compelled to give up the attempt. The captain and passengers are growing impatient but must submit to the conditions. Another

The steam schooner Yellowstone which was loaded with lumber, at Prescott, is due at any time from that point.

The steamer Washington, Captain Nason, is due down from Linnton, this morning. She has a load of lumber and general cargo and is reported as having 33 passengers.

The British ship Wavertree left Portland, yesterday, with 120,000 bushels of wheat. She will go to Runcorn, England, where orders will be awaiting her.

It is expected that the trial trip of the Rose City, which will run between Portland and San Francisco, will take place on December 20th. In less than a week after the trial, she will be placed on the run and will probably leave on her first trip on New Year's day. The Rose City, which was formerly the transport Lawton, will be one of the finest appointed vessels on the Pacific Coast, having been thoroughly overhauled and fitted for passenger accommodation.

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